anecdote and incident, more or less credible, of

FROM THE WEST COAST.

The organization of a Corps at Long Beach

Cal., with 36 charter members recently, was a

source of gratification to the friends of the

Order. Mrs. Ardalissa Bangham acted as Con-

ductor at the installation of officers, and to her

the Department owes the credit of this new

Corps. Mary E. Hartwell, Department Presi-

dent, instituted the Corps, this being the fifth

added since her administration began, with an

aggregate of 152 charter members, scattered

The dinner party given by Mrs. C. W. Bar-

dick, in honor of the Army Nurses of the

G.A.R., on her birthday, was enjoyed by all

who were privileged to attend. The house

was beautifully and lavishly decorated with

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT.

premiums on two patch-work quilts, the work

In a recent parade at Manchester Cen-

ter, Skinner Corps, 17, had a float trimmed

was a portrait of Grant, and on the sides were

and influence. It has introduced the flag

salute in the public school and presented a por-

trait of Lincoln, framed, and a copy of the

Declaration of Independence. Besides local

relief they have sent boxes to the Soldiers'

Home and made contributious to other branches

of W.R.C. work. Vermont Corps have held

memorial services for Past National President

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Borden Corps, 28, Ionia, Mich., has a record

of honorable work of which they may well be

proud. In the past two years they have added

25 members to their roster, which now num-

bers 76 earnest workers. This Corps has joined its sister bodies of Eaton, Barry, and Ionia

Counties, in a series of angual picnics, seven

Corps and 75 members having been represented

at the last. The Reunions are promotive of

more effective work and stronger fraternity.

"Grandma" Martin, as she is called, is a con-

stant inspiration to the Corps in patriotic

work, having presented them, with the aid of

Commander Just, with & fine silk banner.

"We are very proud of our leader," writes

and we new women can imitate her impress-

ive eloquence. She teaches us how to live for others, and that the secret of all is to love

something and somebody more than yourself.

silver cord loosed of her we love, will that

banner whisper of the great love of 'Grandma'

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary

he formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the

peedy and permanent cure of Consumption.

conchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and

Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints.

ousands of cases, and desiring to redeve human

offering. I will send free of charge to all who

wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English,

with full directions for preparing and using. Sent

by mail, by addressing, with stame, naming this saper, W. A. Noves, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, V. Y.

Florence A. Crawford, Corps Correspondent,

ritual without referring to a book.

receptions in her honor.

E. Florence Barker.

of her hands the present year.

portraits of Lincoln and McKinley.

choicest flowers, and the tables were pictures of

"Old Hickory" and his times.

from Nevada City to Redlands.

Western fields.

PENSION

Inquiries Answered and Suggestions Made.

!All communications for this column should be accompanied by the true name and correct address of the inquirer. The reply, however, will be marked as may be desired. No attention will be given to anonymous inquiries. If no reply is printed within three weeks, write again.

C. S., Bremen, Ind .- When a soldier in the volunteer military service in the late war abservice without the formality of a discharge, and did not return to the service, he cannot obtain an honorable discharge unless it can be shown that he was physically unable to return to the service before the muster-out of his command or the expiration of his term of culistment, or that he served faithfully to the end of his term of enlistment, or served until May 1, 1865, having served faithfully for not less than six months previous to that date.

J. S., Kendallville, Ind .- A three-years volunteer who culisted in September, 1861, and was honorably discharged in January, 1863, is not entitled to any original bounty, unless he was discharged because of wound or injury incurred in the service and line of duty. The additional bounty law of July 28, 1866, allowing bounties of \$100 and \$50 in certain cases where the soldier was not entitled to bounty in excess of \$100 under other laws, expired by limitation on July 1, 1880. No interest is payable on bounties, back pay, etc.

T. L. B .- Invalid pension granted under the act of June 27, 1890, is still, as a rule, made to commence from the date of filing of the last application, if previous to the fling of such application the claim was rejected on the ground of no pensionable degree of disability. In some cases, if the former medical examination was in fact favorable, pension is made to commence from the date of filing of the first application.

J. B., Lowell, Mass .- A claim for invalid pension under the act of June 27, 1890, should be heard from within six months after medical examination. As the ratings under the act of 1890 are still made substantially in accordance with the holdings of the last Administration, which have not as yet been rescinded, it is doubtful whether a claimant who is already pensioned under the general law can obtain under the act of 1890 a higher rating for his old law disabilities and additional disabilities not proven of service origin. As an invalid pensioner can change from one law to the other without refundment of any part of back pension through difference in ratings, it is usually to his advantage to accept pension under whichever law affords him the higher present rate. He can obtain increase to the limit of the act of 1890, \$12, and if his disabilities of proven service origin warrant, he can then obtain a still higher rate under the old law.

S. M. B., Columbus, O .- Only the widow or children under 16 of a soldier can complete his claim for invalid pension and receive the accrued pension up to the date of his death. His brother or sister have no title to his pension, and no title in their own right, on account of his service and death, unless his death was due to his service and unless under 16 years of age at the date of his death and at least partially dependent on him for support. Under present holdings it is further required that a brother or sister applicant be under the age of 16 at the date of filing application, unless the application were filed before July 1, 1880. If a person wishes to obtain pension by special act of Congress he should have a private bill prepared. together with a statement of all the facts in his case in the form of a petition to Congress, and forward the same to his member of Congress to be presented. All pension claimants whose claims are rejected by the Pension Bureau are at liberty to appeal to the Secretary of the Interior. The Board of Appeals, which in most instances has the actual consideration of appeals and preparation of decisions in pension cases, is believed to be between three and four months in arrears with its work.

Almond, N. Y .- The Army and Navy Survivors' Division of the Pension Bureau has all the names and addresses of survivors of the late war, so far as officially recorded in the Pension Bureau.

J. M. F., Kalamazoo, Mich.-If a pension claimant fails to report for medical examination within the time limit of an order for such issued by the Pension Bureau, he can obtain a new order upon expressing his willingness to report for medical examination if again

G. S., Clear Lake, Wash .- Though no ruling or decision has been promulgated, it is now held that loss of sight of one eye is pensionable under the act of June 27, 1890.

Bridgeport, O .- If a soldier claiming invalid pension under the general law, originally applied before July 1, 1880, the pension granted on the disabilities then alleged would commence from the date of his discharge from the service. The pension on disabilities formally claimed on for the first time since June 30, 1880, would commence from the date of filing in the Pension Bureau of the application alleging the

A. D., Carbondale, Pa .- All official business with the office of the Commissary-General, U. S. A., may be addressed simply to the "Commissary-General of Subsistence, U. S. A., Wash-

H. H. L., Detroit.-Assistant Secretary Davis has rescinded his ruling that an invalid pensioner at \$17 per month can go to the \$24 rate if he shows additional disability, of service erigin, on which he is rated as much as 1-18. The holding now is, as formerly, that the disshility from the combined causes must be, in the view of the Bureau, "equivalent to the loss of a hand or foot" in degree to entitle to

W. F. M., Rochester, Iowa,-Commutation of rations for a period of furlough, if not heretofore collected, may be obtained on application to the Commissary-General of Subsistence, U. 8. A. See reply to A. D., above.

R. P. M., Latrobe, Pa .- No pension is granted as under the act of June 27, 1890, unless the claimant applied under said act. When a claiment applies under the general pension law, and not under the act of 1890, his claim will be settled under the general law.

B. M., Manifest, La.-When a pension claim has been reopered on appeal to the Department from the action of rejection of the Pension Bureau, further action by the Pension Bu-

reau may be expected within a few weeks ordiparily. G. W. D., Science Hill, Ky .- Pension by special act of Congress is not obtainable except by the elaimant's Representative and Senators actively interesting themselves in his behalf in for-

warding the consideration and passage of his neers' flags were the first to fly over the rebel private bill. It is extremely doubtful if any per- stronghold. This regiment built the famous son not of high rank in the late war can obtain | Swamp Angel on Morris Island also. One batpension by special act on account of disabili- talion served with the Army of the James until ties not only not proven, but not claimed as | the surrender at Appenattox. The Association A. D., Gloversville, N. Y .- If application for an invalid pension under the general law was actually filed in due form in the Pension Bureau before July 1, 1880, and pension subsequently granted thereon, the rating should

commence from the date of the claimant's discharge from the service, if disability for performance of manual labor, from the cause or causes of service origin, is sufficiently shown continuously from date of discharge. Under the act of March 3, 1879, which amended the arrears act of Jan. 25, 1879, there is authority for the commencement of invalid pension under the general law " from the date of actual disability," if it is not shown to the satisfaction of the Pension Bureau that actual disability for the performance of manual labor existed in a pensionable degree at date of discharge. Patoka, Ill.-The additional bounty act of

reply to J. S., above. H. A. W., Halington, O .- The records of many hospitals of the late war have been found lamentably incomplete and imperfect. Many disabilities for which soldiers were treated therein are not of record, because not noted when the patient was first admitted. In the ties an applicant for invalid pension under the as he can to show the origin and existence of | the Association. the alleged disabilities in the service. If he

his claim rejected. C. H., Los Angeles, Cal.-Pension is allowable for any disability which impairs the tin responded. A business meeting was held soldier's earning capacity at manual labor. | in the afternoon, and the Campfire was in the There is no fixed rating for any diseases of rec-

Z. C. H., Kutztown, Pa.-It would be consid-

riding horseback, if, being unable to manage his 10 killed, 43 wounded and 18 missing; Gettysmount in consequence of his disability, he was burg. 11 killed, 46 wounded and 58 missing, thrown off and incurred injuries from which | and the Wilderness, 22 killed, 128 wounded and that a soldier's death from injuries resultant over 50 missing. on a fall due to a wounded leg for which he to fail off the porch, whereby he received the fatal injuries.

J. S. M. D., Cedar Rapids, Iowa .- The 4th subdivision of section 4693, Revised Statutes, provides peusion under the general law for any Acting Assistant or contract Surgeon disabled by any wound or injury received or disease contracted in the line of duty while sented himself from his command and the actually performing the duties of Assistant Surgeon or Acting Assistant Surgeon with any military force in the field, or in transitu, or in hospital." Under the Harrison Administration it was held that contract Surgeons were pensionable under the act of June 27, 1890, but this holding was reversed by the last Administration, and the matter has not as yet been taken up by the present Administration.

J. W. H., Chicago, - A soldier who enlisted for three years in the late war of the rebellion. in January, 1862, and was honorably discharged in January, 1865, by reason of the expiration of next meeting will be at Manchester in June. | water Normal School. She was teacher for his term, was entitled to receive a bounty of | Secretary Dyer is anxious to secure the address \$100 on discharge.

he died. The nearest approach to a case of this | three missing. At the battle of Frederickssort is that in which the late Assistant Secre- burg the regiment took only 316 men into tary of the Interior, Judge Reynolds, decided action. Its loss was 18 killed, 80 wounded and A pleasant feature of the meeting of the 52d

was pensioned, should be regarded as coming | Pa. at Scramson was the presence of Col. John within the pension law. The soldier was sitting | C. Dodge, the regiment's first commander. A on a porch at his home, and in attempting to royal reception was tendered the Colonel. Maj. rise his wounded leg gave way and caused him George R. Leonard presided at the business meeting. At the right of the stage was suspended the historic flag of the 52d Pa .- faded, tattered, and torn by shell, but priceless nevertheless to the survivors of this gallant command. The report of Secretary Miller made reference to the gavel and anvil used by the President, which are made of genuine war relics furnished by the Secretary and Comrade Ripple. George R. Leonard was re-elected President. Other officers are: V.-P., William McClave; Second V.-P., T. A. Edwards; Sec.-Treas., H. C. Miller, Kingston; Chap., Rev. M.

Survivors of Co. E, 5th Vt., to the number of 23 gathered at Manchester, Oct. 19, and formed a permanent organization by the election of the following officers: Pres., Maj. Warren D. Dunton; V.-P., Capt. Samuel E. Burnham; Sec .-Treas., Capt. D. H. Dyer, Manchester, Vt. The of every survivor of this company.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS OF THE W.R.C.



Auxiliary. The third group in the series of portraits of Relief Corps Presidents is herewith given, to

be followed by another next week.

Elizabeth Holmes, President of the Department of Maryland, W.R.C. Headquarters, Baltimore, is a native of that city, where she was born in 1847. She was educated in the public schools, and was a patriotic little girl in short frocks when the Massachusetts troops, answering to Lincoln's call, were attacked by the "Bloody Roughs," when they were passing through the streets on their way to the defense of the National Capital. She married a veteran, and for the past 15 years has worked continuously for the soldier and his dependents, and says: "I feel it my duty to work for those who saved our country and her glorious flag." President Bessie Seymour, of Rhode Island, was born and educated in Massachusetts, and is a graduate of the High School and the Bridge-

nine years in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In 1878 she was married to Jos. Seymour, who



RENEWING OLD TIES.

der to Shoulder in the Dark Days.

The old regimental flag of the 11th Mich. Cav. was at the Quincy Reunion. It had been secured from the State for the occasion by the Association officers, and its presence was in the nature of a surprise. Comrade A. A. Wilcox stepped on the platform, carrying a long bundle securely wrapped. Taking off the paper he said that it was the old flag of the 11th Mich. Cav. Wild cheers from over a hundred old veterans followed this announcement, as the survivors crowded around Comrade Wilcox. Some had not seen the flag since the war. Roll-call showed an attendance of 111 survivors, besides 44 ladies and 14 members of other commands. Old officers were re-elected as follows ; Pres., W. J. Young; Sec., O. D. Caldwell, Detroit, Each company chose a Vice President.

Missouri. The 1st Mo. Vol. Association (infantry and artillery) held a Reunion and Campfire in the Loyal Legion parlors, St. Louis, Oct. 30. Vice-President L. Bruce, of D battery, presided, with B. Seaman, of E battery, as Secretary. W. R. Hodges, of the Loyal Legion, gave a recitation. Comrade Langguth, A rifles; Comrade Hammel, A battery; F. Medart, D battery; B. Seaman, E battery, A. A. Russell, and W. H. Simpkins, F battery; A. Franklin, of G battery; R Mollencett, of H infantry; F. W. Guerin, of K infantry, and J. J. Scharr, representing the Turners. Each gave their army experience. Comrade C. Fricke, bugler of H battery, sounded taps for departed comrades. Comrades of the 1st Mo. not members are requested to send their names and addresses to B. Seaman, 5161 Minerva

Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The 17th annual Reunion of Serrell's 1st N. Y. Eng. was held at Hudson, N. Y., Oct. 20, with about 40 comrades present. They were entertained by R. D. Lathrop Post. 248, tho 23d Separate Company N. Y. S. N. G., and Woman's Relief Corps. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Gen. Edward W. Serrell; Sec., Maj. J. C. Wambold; Treas., Wm. Cannon. In the evening an entertainment and banquet was given at the Armory. The address of welcome was made by Hon. R. A. M. Deeley, Mayor of Hudson, This regiment was composed of three battalions, which served part of their service with the Department of the South. At the evacuation of Fort Wagner, Morris Island, the Engi-

N. Y., first Wednesday in October, 1898. Ohlo. 41st Ohio, at Cleveland, O., Dec. 15. The regimental history has been completed. W. R. Smellie, Secretary, 128 Water St., Cleveland, O. Capt. R. C. Rankin, Ripley, O., was elected Permanent Secretary of the 7th Ohio Cav. at the Columbus Reunion.

voted to hold their next Reunion at Peekskill,

Pennsylvania Wartime music by the original regimental band, the majority using their old instruments, created much enthusiasm at the Reunion of the 87th Pa., at York, bringing back memories of camp, field and trenches. With the regiment were three of its old commanders, Col. John W. Schall, Lieut.-Col. James A. Stahle, and Col. James Tearney, who marched at the head of the column in the parade. With the color guard was Mrs. Mary Schultz, of Egg July 28, 1866, has expired by limitation. See | Harbor, N. J., who accompanied her husband during his service, and was a prisoner at Libby. She bears the title, "Mother of the Regiment." Officers: Pres., Col. J. W. Schall, V. P's, Col. James Tierney, Capt. James Adair, Capt. John Fahs, Lieut.-Col. James A. Stabl, Capt. W. H. Lanius, and Capt. M. S. Cross; Rec. Sec., Maj. Finley I. Thomas; Cor. Sec., Capt. J. H. Blasser, absence of record evidence of alleged disabili- York; Treas., First Lieut. Charles H. Stallman; Chap., D. C. Eberhardt, A complete general law must furnish such other evidence history of the regiment will be published by

The 57th Ps. met at Grove City, Oct. 14. The can furnish no evidence he may expect to have town was gaily decorated and the Woman's Relief Corps furnished supper. Maj. Cunningham made the address of welcome; J. M. Marcollege chapel in the evening. J. M. Martin. Col. J. S. Strawhecker, and Hon. Harry Watson delivered addresses. The 57th Pa. was a ered that a soldier having the use of only one | fighting regiment, its loss being 12 officers and arm, in consequence of disability of service ori- 149 men killed, or ever 10 per cent. of its en-

SONS OF VETERANS.

Order.

J. W. Tittle, Johnstown, Pa., writes: "Sometime ago I noticed an article in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, in which a Camp called attention to the fact that it had the bonor of a father mustering in his own son in the Sons of Veterans. Speer Orr Camp, 14, claims just as unique a muster. Brother Thomas Parfitt, jr., had the pleasure of belping to initiate his own father, Thomas Parfitt, sr. Brother Parfitt, sr., certainly has a good record. . He is a sen of a veteran, a G.A.R. man, a member of the Union

Veteran Legion. Col. W. W. Wheeler in Division Orders again calls the attention of Connecticut brothren to the necessity of doing some earnest work by regaining suspended members and bringing in new recruits. He says: "It rests with each and every brother whether the next report shows a gain or a loss; with the weakest Camp as well as the strongest, whether the Connecticut Division will advance or fall back. Now is the time to show your zeal and patriotism

for the Order." The Adjutant's report for the quarter ended Sept. 30 shows a loss in Connecticut. At the date of the previous report 27 Camps with a membership of 770 were in good standing. Seventeen members were gained by muster, one by transfer, and 11 by reinstatement. One was lost by death, two by honorable discharge, and 45 by suspension, leaving 27 Camps and

Orrin J. Dickey, Mustering Officer of Maine, Belfast, writes: "Having become known to the Sons as an advocate of longer terms for officers, and believing that legislation on the subject will soon be passed, I want to call the attention of members to the necessity of selecting good officers for the coming year. Every member should be very careful in casting his ballot.

"The time has long passed when the promoting of a brother from office to office was the custom, and the election is now as it should be, when a man holding a minor office stands just as much chance of being Captain as he who wears the rank straps of a Lientenant. Our best officers are not necessarily those who have belonged to the Order longest, neither are they ones who have done much in the past, but these who take up the office with the feeling that the life of the Camp or Division rests upon their shoulders, men who will give up personal pleasures in order to devote their attention to their society, be it Camp or Division.

"Maine is to-day in as fine a condition as any Division of its membership. Our Commander, Arthur M. Soule, is a working memmuch since taking up his office to increase the membership and gain new Camps throughout the State.'

In thousands of homes Hood's Sarsaparilla is constantly kept as a family medicine. Try it.

Brooklyn Post System.

A branch of the Post system of Sons of Veterans has been established in Brooklyn with 50 charter members. It has taken the number 42, and will be known as Charles H. Thomas Post, in honor of a member of the 170th N. Y. who was wounded in action, taken prisoner, and, after months of suffering, died at Anderson-

Commander-in-Chief E. W. Sanderson and staff were present, and mustered the recruits, afterward installing the new officers. A. H. Gray was chosen Commander; Peter C. Carroll, Senior-Vice Commander; James R. Carlos, Junior-Vice Commander; Wm. A. Littell, Quartermaster; Wm. F. Elmiger, Surgeon; Robert Carson, Assistant Surgeon; John P. Carroll, Oeffier of the Day; Adolph Fugelsang, Offi-ser of the Guard; H. W. Carlos, Ed W. Mudge, and George Huesehkel, Council of Administration; Wm. Uster, Adjutant; V. Eubarn, and

J. J. Dailey, Sentinels. Michigan Division has recently furnished another Camp-80-at Trufant, on Oct. 16. It was mustered by Capt. James Munn, with 17 others of Camp 236, Howard City, the latter Camp having been mustered only July 14 last. The new Camp was christened "Camp Avery," in honor of ex-Congressman Avery, of the Eleventh Michigan District, and who was present by request and made a happy address.

FREE TO INVALID LADIES.

A safe, simple home treatment that cured me after years of suffering with uterine troubles, displace-ments, leucorrhea, etc., sent free to ladies with full gin, was guilty of contributory negligence in rollment. Chancellorsville cost the command South Bend, Ind.

first served in the 2d battalion, District of Columbia Infantry; later in the U. S. Signal Corps. At the time of his death he was Adjutant of Richard Tobin Post, 24, of Rhode Reunion of Veterans Who Stood Shoul- Loyal Young Men and Their Great Island. President Seymour served four years | Long after that golden font is broken and the ns President of Richard Tobin Corps, and in 1895 was elected Junior Vice-President and in 1896 Senior Vice-President of the Department | Martin for each of us."

of Rhode Island. Kila M. Edsall, of Bozeman, Department President of Montana, claims New York State as her birthplace, being born near Buffalo, in 1855. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alsworth, removed to Montana as early as 1868. As no advantages were to be had in Montana at that early date, the daughter was sent east, where for three years she devoted her time to school and music. She was married to A. J. Edsail, who served in the let N. J. Cav. She took a decided interest in the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps in the State, and has been a devoted worker in its ranks over since, having occupied offices of prominence and been the recipient of many testimonials of

esteem from her co-workers. Mrs. Margaret H. Griffith, of Kansas, was born in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, and while yet a girl came with her parents to Illinois. She received in her girlhood a liberal education. During the war she took an active interest in doing all that was possible to be done for the soldier boys at home and at the front. She had two brothers in the service. After the close of the war, Sept. 5, 1865, she married a soldier, and went to Kansas. She has been actively engaged in the W.R.C. work. being President for three consecutive terms of Preston B. Plumb Corps, 70; Department Inspector during 1895, and Department Senior Vice-President during 1896.

Nettie M. Wolfe, of Oklahoma, is the daughter of Past Department Commander W. H. Cater, of the 62d Ohio. She was born at Barnesville, O., Oct. 21, 1865; moved to Missouri, thence to Kansas, where, 11 years ago, she married M. T. Wolfe, formerly of Pennsylvania, and removed to Nesbitt, Okla., where she now resides. Mrs. Wolfe has been closely connected with the Relief Corps since its organization, having been a charter member of Corps 3, organized in 1890. She has filled all the Department offices with credit to herself, and has done much good for the Order. The boys in blue realize that in her they have a friend tried and true, she having traveled over 1,000 miles in the past year overland visiting and encouraging weak Corps.

One of the courageous little Departments of

the W.R.C. is that of West Virginia, for, though not large in numbers, the Relief Corps of that State are a great assistance to the Posts to which they are auxiliary. One of the best and most active of Corps members is the present Department President, Mary C. Moeck, of Parkersburg, a native of Pittsburg, Pa., and graduate of the public schools of that city. In 1872 she was carried to Peter Moeck, 93d Pa., now Commanuer of Andrew Mather Post, Parkersburg. They removed to Pomeroy, O., and from there to their present place of residence. Two years ago President Moeck was in: tiated into Andrew Mather Corps, which she has served as Guard, Chaplain, and President. Last year she served the Department as Senior Vice-President.

VISIT TO THE HERMITAGE.

The Hermitage, home of Gen, Jackson, was visited by the Relief Corps representatives while in Nashville. It is an elegant country seat 12 miles from the city, built in old Colonial style, and is full of interesting relics of the Jackson period, placed there by the Hermitage Association, of which Past National President Emma R. Wallace and other Relief members are associated. A cabin near by has chinked walls, and three

windows with board shutters on iron hinges, and a single door for entrance and exit. It is just such a cabin as that in which Abraham Lincoln was born, and where he lived the greater part of his boyhood. It is erroneously reported as the cabin in which Gen. Jackson was born; whereas he was

a young lawyer just entering the practice. when he went from South Carolina to Tennes-

The old garden adjoining the Hermitage, which was long the home of Andrew Jackson Donaldson, the General's adopted son, is a fine old building rebuilt upon the foundations of the one destroyed by fire some 60 years ago. In the garden are the graves of the Jackson family. Under a granite canopy lay the brown sandstone slabs which record the death of Gen. Jackson and his wife. It is the intention of the Hermitage Association to make the garden

as near like the original as possible. The avenue leading up to the Hermitage is lined with stately old cedar trees, which were

planted under Gen. Jackson's supervision in THE GRAND ARMY. the shape of a guitar, extending right and left as you approach the building. Oak and

What Veterans Are Doing for the A picturesque figure at the Hermitage is an Good of the Order. plantation days, and who is full of garrulous

Commander Wm. D. Stauffer, of Pennsylvania, falls in line with other Department Commanders in urging the necessity of recruiting the ranks of the Grand Army. He says in last General Orders; "Bring into the Order all who were the uniform of blue from 1861 to 1865; scan the list of drepped members and explain to them bow easy and inexpensive it is for them to return to their former places in the Post rooms. I earnestly hope that, inasmuch as l'ennsvivania is honored by having one of its comrades as Commander-in-Chief, our great Department will report an increase for the year. This can be done by a little hard work."

W. W. Watson, Corporal, Co. M. 11th Pa. Cav., Rutland, O., writes that Post 43 is the oldest in Meigs County, and is doing good work for the veterans. The Sons of Veterans, he says, have dishanded, but the Circle of Ladies of the G.A.R., organized a year ago, is increasing in membership, and is of great assistance to the G.A.R.

are loveliness in their holiday attire. The guests were Mrs. Mary E. Threikeld, Mrs. Margaret Hays, known in the Memphis hospital as Col. Charles C. Herton, of Muscatine, Iowa, Mrs. Margaret Meseroll; Miss Julia Hibbard, and his wife, were tendered a reception by whose assistance to our sick and wounded on Shelby Norman Post and the W.R.C. before the floating hospitals between Memphis and St. their departure for Marshalltown, where the Louis will add jewels to her crown; Miss Colonel has accepted the position of Command-Adeline Miller, whose four years of weary ant, vice J. R. Ratekin, resigned. There was watching with our loved ones will be remema large attendance, and a pleasant evening was bered when the Master makes up His jewels; spent. Comrade Horton entered the 2d lows Dr. Rachel Reid, the first woman connected Cav, when that regiment was organized, and with the Federal hospitals in St. Louis, and served until the end of the war. He was made dear old Grandma Dodge, whose labors of love Second Lieutenant soon after the regiment were in the old Chester Hospital in Philadelreached the front, and by meritorious service phia, Pa.: Mrs. Elizabeth Baldridge, known as won promotion until he reached the rank of Mrs. A. G. Lee while nursing the sick in Mem-Lieutenant-Colonel. phis, Tenn.; Mrs. Mary Kelley Sutherland, Commander Albert D. Shaw was much whose mercy and kindness lightened the burgratified by the interest shown by New York den of many stricken with disease, and Mrs.

comrades in the annual inspection. Assistant Susan E. Barry, nee Miss Susan E. Hall, whose Inspectors, be thinks, can render the Order service was known by many in Eastern and much good by encouraging weak Posts. At a recent inspection, where Commander Shaw was unexpectedly present, there were only Department Correspondent Leua B. R. Pierce three members of the Post absent. reports Corps organizing, and a thorough in-Commander Shaw believed that the Posts spection inaugurated in Vermont. Inspections should look after the material wants o the

will be conducted by Inspector Delia M. Needveterans, and in last General Order appeals to ham and her assistants. The former, after a comrades to take action in the matter. He tour of southern Vermont, reports many Corps says: "I feel that as Winter is approaching we so proficient that the officers exemplified the cannot be too solicitous about the comfort and needs of the worthy veterans who may require Department President Florence M. Gates has assistance, in one way or another, to enable been conducting inspections in northern Verthem to secure and enjoy that measure of comment, and has also visited Montreal. The fort that is eminently their due. If comrades Corps of St. Albans and Swanton gave pleasant keep this in mind, the bonds of our Order will be made stronger, and all will be commended Montreal claims to have the oldest member for living fully up to our motto of Fraternity, of the Order in Mrs. Henrietta Young, aged 97. Charity and Loyalty." At the fair held in Montreal the took first

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